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1. MISSION LEARNED AFTERNOON OCT 29 THAT SYG WOULD REQUEST INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM ON AGENDA OF 28TH GA RE SUBJECT. MISOFFS MET IMMEDIATELY WITH USYG DAVIDSON AND ACTING DIR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES ZIEHL TO ARGUE AGAINST THIS ROUTE ON GROUNDS IT RAISED GREATER POLITICAL RISK THAN SUBMITTING MATTER DIRECTLY TO FIFTH COMITE THROUGH ACABQ UNDER AGENDA ITEM 79, THUS CLEARLY STAMPING ITEM AS MERE FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE SC DECISION AND SUGGESTED GA COULD REFUSE TO INSCRIBE. SUBSEQUENTLY SYG CONTACTED AMB SCALI, AND APPOINTMENT MADE TO DISCUSS ISSUE MORNING OCT 30.

2. SCALI, ACCOMPANIED BY MISOFFS, MET WITH SYG AND HIS TOP ADVISERS AM OCT 30 AND DISCUSSED BOTH APPROACHES IN DEPTH. SCALI ARGUED ADVANTAGES US APPROACH WERE:

(A) QUESTION WOULD NOT BE SENT TO POLITICAL FORA SUCH AS GENERAL COMITE AND PLENARY BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED IN NORMAL
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ASSEMBLY CHANNELS;

(B) RISK OF MISCHIEF-MAKING IN PLENARY WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED IF PRESENTED DIRECTLY TO FIFTH COMITE THROUGH ACABQ;

(C) ACABQ AND FIFTH COMITE, WITH LONG EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE IN SUCH A QUESTION AND FAVORABLY DISPOSED CHAIRMEN, WOULD BE MORE APT TO CHANNEL CONSIDERATION ALONG PURELY FINANCIAL LINES; AND

(D) IT WRONG TO SUGGEST GA COULD REFUSE TO INSCRIBE MATTER GROUNDED IN SC DECISION.

3. SYG ARGUED THAT OUR APPROACH WOULD PLACE HIM IN HIGHLY VULNERABLE POSITION IN LIGHT ASPECTS OF CONGO PRECEDENT AND NECESSARY IMPLICATION THAT HE WOULD BE PRECLUDING EVEN POSSIBILITY OF SPECIAL SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS. HE RECOGNIZED WE WERE CORRECT THAT THERE NO LEGAL BARRIER IN OUR APPROACH AND THAT WE MIGHT BE RIGHT ABOUT LEVEL OF POLITICAL RISK. HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED VIEW, WITH SUPPORT OF USYG MORSE, THAT MATTER COULD BE EASILY CONTROLLED IN GENERAL COMITE AND PLENARY AT THIS TIME AND PLEDGED HIS FULL EFFORTS TO THAT END.

4. SCALI ARGUED FORCEFULLY FOR OUR APPROACH, BUT WHEN SYG PERSISTED IN CONTRARY VIEW, SCALI CONCLUDED BY RECOGNIZING DECISION WAS SYG'S AND EMPHASIZING THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THAT SYG'S ROUTE WORKED RESTED WITH SYG.

5. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH STAVROPOULOS AND KITTANI AFTER MTG, BOTH MADE POINT TO MISOFFS THAT OUR RAISING ISSUE WAS AN "ASTUTE MOVE" WHICH SHOULD STIFFEN BACK OF SYG TO RESIST ANY EFFORTS IN GENERAL COMITE OR PLENARY TO ALTER OR POLITICIZE HIS ITEM IN ANY WAY. WE WERE ASSURED THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD HAVE SYG FULLY PREPARED WHEN ITEM CONSIDERED IN GENERAL COMITE AND PLENARY (PROBABLY TOMORROW) TO FIGHT FOR HIS ITEM AND TO RESIST ALL COMERS.

6. AMB BENNETT CONTACTED UK DEP PERM REP JAMIESON, WHO SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND AMB MAITLAND APPROACH SYG IN FAVOR OUR PREFERRED APPROACH. HOWEVER, IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH MORSE AND KITTANI,

THEY TOLD MISOFF THAT SYG FULLY COMMITTED TO HIS APPROACH. FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH JAMIESON, IN WHICH MORSE/KITTANI VIEWS MADE KNOWN, CONFIDENTIAL

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UK DECIDED ITS INTERVENTION WOULD BE TO NO AVAIL.

7. WE PLAN CONTACT FEW MEMBERS GENERAL COMITE IN ORDER MAXIMIZE CHANCES SUCCESS HANDLING SYG'S ITEM. SCALI

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